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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)

Ruoslahti and Border)

Serial No.: 08/349,479)

Filed: December 2, 1994)

For: INHIBITING TRANSFORMING)
GROWTH FACTOR β TO)
PREVENT ACCUMULATION OF)
EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX)

Group Art Unit: 1804

Examiner: S. Ziska

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August 19, 1997
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 19, 1997, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In The Claims

Please cancel non-elected claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 16-18 and 31-34, subject to Applicants' right to file divisional applications thereon.

Please cancel claims 27-30, without prejudice.

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

21. (Amended) A method of [treating] decreasing the deleterious accumulation of extracellular matrix associated with a pathology or a condition characterized by the TGF- β -induced production and deleterious accumulation of an extracellular matrix component in a tissue comprising: